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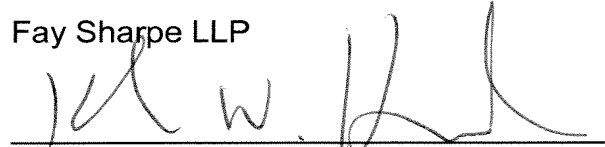
The Examiner indicated that claims 1, 4, 5, 7, 9, 11, 12, 32, 34-35, 38-40, 64, 66-67, and 70 are allowed over the prior art. This recognition of allowable subject matter is acknowledged and appreciated.

However, while the applicant agrees that the claims are allowable, the applicant does not concede that the claims are only allowable for the precise reasons stated by the Examiner.

Furthermore, applicant does not concede that the Examiner's statements are entirely accurate and precise.

Respectfully submitted,

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